THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) Srinagar airport belongs to Ministry of Defence. Airports Authority of India (AAI) maintains a civil enclave. The present terminal building can accommodate 300 passengers at a time. AAI has plans to expand and modify existing terminal building to handle 600 passengers at a time with all modern passenger amenities. There is also proposal to expand the present apron for parking of wide bodied aircraft. At present the proposal is at a preliminary stage.

Collection of Airport Tax

3819. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether airport tax amounting to Rs. 500/- is collected from each passenger every time he passes through the IGI Airport;

(b) if so, what is the estimated daily collection on this account;

(c) how much of the amount so collected is spent annually on the improvement of the IGI airport and on providing facilities to the passengers; and

(d) what improvement has been made so far in this field ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir. Rs. 500/- as Foreign Travel Tax is collected from each embarking international passenger at all airports.

(b) Average daily collection during 1999-2000 was Rs. 20.00 lakhs at IGIA, Delhi.

(c) and (d) The amount so collected is credited to the consolidated fund of India with 10% share being paid to the Airports Authority of India (AAI). AAI has spent an amount of Rs. 74.08 crores during 1999-2000 towards improvement and maintenance of the passenger facilities at the Indira Gandhi International Airport as a whole.

Impact of New Aviation Policy on Indian Airlines

3820. MISS. MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the new civil aviation policy will throw the Indian Airlines again in disarray;